

WHY STATE TESTING PARTICIPATION MATTERS

How does testing help my child?

- It provides information about your child's learning toward English Language Arts, Math, and Science standards that you can review with other data from the school and ask questions if needed.
- It allows you to check your child's progress toward meeting skills necessary for college and career readiness.
- It provides you and other families in your community with information about how local schools are meeting the needs of all students.

How does testing help my child's school?

- It provides critical information on how well all students in your child's school meet core curriculum standards, which informs school leaders what resources are needed to support students.
- It helps identify strengths and areas where growth is needed to evaluate curriculum, instruction, and assessment practices.

How should my child's results be used?

- Remember that the quality of a school is more than the sum of its test results. Avoid judgments or decisions based solely on state test results.
- Make state test results part of conversations about your child's learning.
- Use test information to discuss opportunities for your child regarding challenging math pathways, Advanced Placement or dual-credit courses, or career pathway opportunities.

